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	10/053,605	TAKAGI ET AL.
	Examiner BRIAN P. YENKE	Art Unit 2614

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- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
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 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Choi, US 6,598,233 and Lee, 6,104346.

In considering claims 1-2,

The applicant's admitted prior art discloses (background, Fig 5) a receiving system which receives both analog and digital channels and includes an OSD which displays main/sub-channels of the received analog and digital signals. Thus the preamble, along with the claimed control unit, the claimed receiver which receives signals when a channel change is inputted or a tuner (analog/digital) is chosen (i.e. power switch of system is closed), the claimed digital decoder, the claimed display device are all met.

However, AAPA does not disclose the sub-channel including a predetermined descriptor when the sub-channel number cannot be designated.

It is known that the reception of a digital broadcast signal requires more time (i.e. seconds) than an analog broadcast because digital signals are transmitted in a compressed format and in order to display them the compressed signal must be decompressed.

The examiner incorporates Choi, US 6,598,233 which discloses a channel control of a digital television by reducing the time required for channel switching by storing in memory the PID associated with the video and audio signal. Thus Choi reduces the amount of time required for switching between channels since the video and audio PID's are stored on the memory.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA which discloses receiving both analog and digital signals and displaying the respective major/minor channels associated with each broadcast, with Choi, by reducing the amount of time between channel switching, by storing PID's of a selected channel in memory which provides the user the ability to quickly switch to a previously received/stored channel.

However, neither AAPA nor Choi disclose displaying a predetermined descriptor when channel information has not been analyzed/obtained.

It is known that the number of subchannel programs transmitted/received through each channel can change while a user is watching TV.

Thus the examiner incorporates Lee, 6,104,346 which discloses a system which displays updated subchannel information. Lee discloses that since subchannel programs can change while a user is watching TV, it would be advantageous to inform the user/viewer when a new subchannel program has been received. Lee notifies the user via display (Fig 3, 308), which indicates that a newly added program "news" which is program number "43" has been newly added. Thus the concept of informing the viewer of sub-channel information and any updates/updating is conventional.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA and Choi which disclose a quick channel switching method by storing previously received/stored channel PID's, with Lee by notifying the viewer of sub-channel information/changes which also include acquisition (i.e. data not previously in memory, but storing--indicating to the viewer "updating").

In considering claim 3,

As stated above AAPA discloses the reception of analog/digital signals along with the major/minor channel information. The claimed power switch of a system is closed is met by a system which includes a tuner(s) where in the event two tuners are used, the tuner selecting/receiving the channel will be closed which also indicates a instruction for a channel change.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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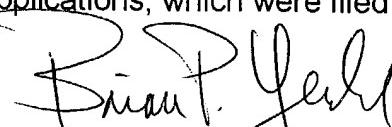
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